

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following sections prior to the first paragraph on page 1.

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a §371 National Phase of PCT/EP2004/012146 filed October 27, 2004 and claims priority to German Patent Application Serial No.: DE10352784.2 filed November 12, 2003.

Background

1. Field of the Invention

Please add the following section header to the blank line immediately prior the second paragraph of page 1 which begins “Directional couplers are...”

2. Description of the Related Art

Please add the following section header to the blank line immediately prior the transition paragraph between pages 1 and 2 which begins “The object therefore...”

Summary

Please add the following section header to the blank line immediately prior to the third paragraph of page 3 which begins “The embodiment of...”

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please add the following section header to the blank line immediately prior to the seventh paragraph of page 3 which begins “The directional coupler according to the invention in coaxial line technology is described in...”

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment(s)

Please amend the Abstract of the Specification as follows:

A ~~The invention relates to a~~ directional coupler comprising a first connection (5) for the inlet or outlet of a shaft, a first decoupling connection (6) which is used to decouple a coupled shaft, a second connection (10) for the inlet or outlet of the inlet or outlet shaft from the first connection (5) and a second decoupling connection (11) which is used to decouple the coupled shaft. The first connection (5) and the first decoupling connection (6) are connected to the internal conductor (2) and to the external conductor (3) of a coaxial conductor (3) on the first connection surface thereof (8), by means of a first network (7). The second connection (10) and the second decoupling connection (11) are connected to the internal conductor (2) and to the external conductor (3) of the coaxial conductor (1) on the second connection surface thereof (9), by means of a second network (12). The coaxial conductor (1) is curved in such a manner that it is arranged in a parallel manner in relation to the first and second connection surfaces (8,9) thereof, with a planar circuit board (15) containing the first connection (5), the second connection (10), the first decoupling connection (6) and/or second decoupling connection (11).